



## THE LATEST FASHIONS.

"Pokes" and "Coal Scuttles" Will Be My Lady's Headgear.

The "Hour-Glass" Woman-Gowns That Are Most Becoming to Her Figure—New Dress Materials.

The hour-glass woman bids fair to be with us again. All the hygiene lessons are to be wasted; all the sound advice from physicians ignored; everything



GRADUATED FLOUNCES.

Get back to the end of the last century, and all because Dame Fashion has decreed that we must wear a small corset, tightly laced.

The gowns most suitable to the new figure, which clothes it in a quaint, old fashion, delighting the eye, are of plain, material—velvet is the smartest.



TWO LATE STYLES.

grosgrain silk. Black is best, combined with some vivid coloring, preferably grass green or crimson.

The matinee brings out many of the season's newest gowns. An excellent example was worn recently by a young girl at the Knickerbocker theater. The skirt was narrow to scantiness, with its slim outlines partly concealed by a series of graduated flounces—five in all—that covered it from hem to waist.

The blouse was simply made. It had no sleeves, and a low, round neck, edged with tabs of jetted passementerie, a long sleeve gimp of green cashmere being its accompaniment. The waist was encircled twice with black velvet ribbon—I forgot to say the gown was black-tied with bow and long ends at the left side.

Nothing more quaint and old-fashioned could be imagined than this gown of a girl of Greater New York.

Yet many of the girls, though equally in love with the gown, find it too expensive for their purses. No need to get discouraged. A tapac answers the purpose as well as grosgrain, is less expensive, and, if a fine quality is bought, looks even more quaint than silk.

Satin-faced cloths, which were introduced last winter, will again be popular. This year the satin finish is even



THE BONNET WITH STRINGS.

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skirts promise to be with us before the season is over, it is likely to be the favored material.

At present, however, satin-faced cashmeres are used for plain skirts, heavily embroidered with silk braid, or with applique scrolls of alpaca. These scrolls are often run up on the hips, accentuating the size of that part of our anatomy.

Poplin also promises to be much worn. Even that has been affected by the demand for satin-faced materials, and has a finish more smooth than usual. It is to be seen in both figured and plain patterns. Plaids, checks and stripes are considered smart, and will be very fashionable to wear with plain coats. Poplins of plain colors are most satisfactory, however. Dark brown and blue are the best to select. Dark brown, trimmed with gold braid, and worn with a brown velvet jacket, makes a very fetching costume.

Russian blouses are so plentiful that one wonders where they come from. Under ordinary circumstances this would denote their early downfall, but the blouses are made in so great a diversity of styles that, aside from the skirts, there is little common ground about them.

Yet even the skirts will not long be common ground, as the newest importations show. This blouse, as it is now worn, has a full, short basque. The new blouse will have a basque equally short, but fitting with a wrinkle or gather over the hips. It is cut open back and front. Each side is a semi-circle, of two thicknesses blind stitched together, with a thin lining between. In fact, if you have a yoke pattern which you use for underskirts, you will find it just the thing for this purpose.

Contrasting materials are used with good effect in the basques of blouses, and so help those of slender purse to economize. Make your basque, cuffs, yoke and collar of the contrasting material—velvet is the smartest.



The skeleton in many a household is the peculiar weakness of the wife and mother, or of the wife who ought to be a mother and is not. Happiness is destroyed by the presence of the secret sickness that every man likes to grumble about among the most luxurious homes. The most terrible thing about this condition of affairs is that it is entirely needless. There is no reason in the world why every woman in the world should not be strong and healthy and capable of fulfilling her whole duty as a wife and mother. Many women go on mouth after month, and year after year, becoming weaker and weaker, because of a very natural hesitancy they feel in consulting a physician. They know that if they go to a doctor for treatment, the first thing he will insist on will be an "examination" and "local treatment." This must of course be done by every modest woman. They are generally as unnecessary as they are abominable. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription cures positively, perfectly, permanently, all varieties of "female weakness" and disease. It is designed to do this one thing, and it does it. It is the only medicine now before the public for woman's peculiar ailments, adapted to her delicate organization by a regularly graduated system of experienced and skilled specialist in these maladies. It cannot do harm in any condition of the system. Its sales exceed the combined sales of all other medicines for women.

**Every woman will be healthier and happier for following the friendly, practical counsel contained in Dr. Pierce's great universal doctor, "The Woman Sense Medical Adviser."** It is the most comprehensive medical work in one volume in the English language. It contains 100 pages, fully illustrated. \$2.00 copies have been sold at \$1.00 each bound in cloth. The profits are now used in printing half-a-million free copies. If you have only manilla paper copy, send one you have only to send a post stamp (to pay cost of mailing) to World's Dispensary Medical Association, No. 663 Main Street, Buffalo, N. Y. Send promptly before all are given away if in want of one. They are going off rapidly.

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NO HUMBUG, HONEST GOODS  
FROM THE GO

Novelty Dress Goods worth 45 and 50 cents go at 25 cents. 75 cent Dress Goods at 45 and 50c. 90c and \$1.00 Dress Goods go at 85 and 90 cents. These are all choice up to date styles. For Saturday sales 1/2c prints at 5c. 5c prints at 4c.

Ladies extra long Black Hose, Double Heels and Toes, worth 10c for 5c. The 10c kind for 10c or 3 pairs for 25c. The best value in Decatur. 263 Best English pins, assorted sizes and one row black for 3c, worth 15c. We are the only house showing the Eldeberry Trolley Jackets and Caps, new and choice, selling like hot cakes. We are running under lighter expenses and making lower prices on all goods than any house in the city.

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Sept. 15, 16, 17 and 18,  
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NOVELLO and DRECHSEL,  
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AN EMBROIDERED SKIRT.

a hat is of green velvet, is adorned with a high bunch of ostrich plumes, and has broad, soft strings of white mouseline de soie that tie in a large bow under the chin.

For the girls to whom this extreme mode is not becoming, there are other pokes, more moderate in shape, and without strings. They are usually of velvet, swathed with some soft material, and finished directly in front with a large hat.

Other hats, and these will probably be the smartest of the season, are large and turn up high on the left side. Here several plumes, a big bow, and a jewelled buckle are placed under the brim. Some of the girls, to whom a hat set back is not becoming, will still cling to "nose hats." These hats have a trimming that spreads alike on each side from the center pieces, ending in feathers that droop over each ear.

THE LATEST.

ALL NOSEHATS.

"I have heard the assertion," said the Colonel, "that the colored races are not mentioned in the Bible."

"That's all nonsense," said Mrs. Cobb, who happened to overhear the remark. "I remember distinctly reading in my Sunday-school days of old nigger de-



The Sun's Shooting Rays.

even in September, begin a thirst that can be easily allayed with our refreshing and delicious soda water. Our soda water has preserved the health of our citizens who have patronized us during the summer's heat, and kept many a man from being "driven to hard drink." Our Ice Cream, Soda, Phosphates and Pure Juices. Flavors are unexcelled as thirst quenchers.

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Sleepers will run via Terre Haute, St. Joseph,

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This will be the only line of the day from St. Louis to the dullest and cool resorts of Michigan.

The train will leave the last sleeping car for the

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If you get your season's clothing of us it will be LATEST CUT and LONGEST WEAR.

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OVERCOATS

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We are now making prices which will be of advantage to our customers.

Please call and see for yourself.

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**DECATUR GUN CO.**  
ARCHIE F. WILSON, Manager.

He Did...

There is a young man who lives in Decatur who is not using a past expression of his to-day. He used it one night last week. He is always telling somebody, "Get a Gait On You"--or he is telling how he "got a gait on himself," instead of using plain English and saying he "had to hustle" or he "got a move on him." He was trying to get started home about 11 o'clock that night and he had got as far as the gate. About eleven minutes past eleven one of those warning voices came floating out of the door--"Manie--Maimy--Mamy! Come right in the house, you've been out there long enough," and the hinges broke and the young man "got a gait on him." Sometimes it doesn't pay to "get a gait on you;" it will this week, though. We are going to sell 1,000 pairs suspenders at 10c and 15c. You'll save money if you "get a gait on you" before they're gone.

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## LOCAL NEWS.

Smiles are merely little noiseless laughs.

Checks called for. Davis' delivery.

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Arnold's Bromo-Celery cure headaches. 10, 25, 50cts. Bell, the druggist.

The Grand Opera House cigars made by Johnny Weigand are the best in town. mch 25-dft

Irwin's Celery Compound is a good nerve and blood purifier.

Morning service will be resumed in the Congregational church on Sunday.

Smoke the Little J 5 cent cigar, guaranteed to contain no artificial flavor.

A cynical man is one who has had experience; a cynical woman is one who hasn't.

Shoes made to order and all kinds of repair work done in first class style. Call on H. R. Adams, 158 East Prairie avenue. -9-dft

Regular holiness meeting tonight at Goodway mission, corner of North Water and Bradford streets.

Contractors are busily engaged in laying brick sidewalks in various parts of the city in compliance with the general ordinance.

The dog and pony show is at Bloomington today. The tent was well filled last night, despite the threatening aspect of the weather.

You should always remember that at the C. B. Prescott music house the famous Reed & Son's pianos can be had at figures within the reach of everybody. Every instrument bought at the music house is a bargain.

Burdock Blood Bitters is nature's true remedy for constipation and kindred ills. It acts directly on the bowels, the liver, the skin, and imparts strength to the digestive organs. Sold by Bell, the druggist.

M. Shea, pension attorney, received notice of the allowance of the following claims: Mrs. Emilie Scott, \$100 bounty; Malby Ducker, increase of pension; Henry Barnhart, increase and reissue of pension.

This evening the members of the Grace Mission Helpers society will serve a supper at the corner of Broadway and Kerker streets, to which all are invited. Social later in the evening at which refreshments will be served.

Dr. Fowler's Extract of Wild Strawberry has been used for forty years and has never yet failed to cure a case of diarrhoea, dysentery, or summer complaint in any of its various forms. Sold by Bell, the druggist.

The members of the Decatur Musical club will hold their first meeting next Tuesday evening at the studio of Prof. Foster. The club expect to give some opera this winter and at the meeting the matter will be discussed.

The new choir of the Presbyterian church will begin their duties for the ensuing year on Sunday night. The choir will be composed of Louie Boyd, soprano; Miss Anna Brown, contralto; Charles Huy, tenor, and Troy Alexander, bass.

"I burned my fingers very badly. The pain was intense. Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil brought relief in three minutes. It was almost magical. I never saw anything like it." Amelia Swords, Saundersville, O. Sold by Bell, the druggist.

Yesterday Master in Chancery J. J. Finn had a foreclosure sale. The title of the case was Murillo Glasgow against Martha J. Mathews. The property was lot 6 in block 6 of Milton Johnson's subdivision. It is a house and lot on North Water street. The sale was made to Mr. Glasgow for \$8492.58. There is still another mortgage on the property for \$1000.

Dr. Will Barnes, assisted by Drs. Graves of Bement, N. D. Myers and Charles Wood, removed a piece of bone three inches long and an inch and a half wide from the skull of Miss Annie Schowley of Bement at St. Mary's hospital. The young woman was injured in an accident two years ago and the bone of the skull has been pressing on her brain every since and causing pain in her head. She will now recover.

Last night the police were notified from the Anna B. Millikin Home that an inmate of that institution had run away and the matron asked that she be brought back. The officers learned that she had gone to a house in the northeast part of the city and went there and got her. The girl was Mabel Coons and she was sent to the home a few weeks ago as a dependent person, because her father could not control her. The officers returned her to the matron.

Broke Her Leg.

Mrs. John McDonald, living on West Wood street, met with an accident yesterday. She fell from the porch of her residence and broke her leg. Dr. W. J. Chenoweth reduced the fracture.

It is expected that Mayor Taylor will be able to ride his bicycle in time to lead the wheelmen's parade when the new asphalt pavement on North Main street is completed.

SHAKE INTO YOUR SHOES

Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder for the feet. It cures painful, swollen, aching feet and instantly takes the sting out of corns and bunions.

It's the greatest comfort discovery of the age. Allen's Foot-Ease makes lightning fast new shoes feel easy. It is a great relief to sweating, calloused and tired, aching feet.

TRY IT TO-DAY! Sold by all druggists and shoe stores. Price 25c for 25c stamps. Trial pack-

age FREE. Address Allen S. Ulsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

## ALL AT WORK.

Decatur Miners Continue to Dig Coal at Both Shafts--State of Affairs Elsewhere.

No news is always good news, and that can be applied to the Decatur mining operations. Business continues good at both Decatur shafts, and also at the mine at Niantic. All of the men wanted are at work steadily making good wages, and everything is peaceful and smooth. But it is different at various other points in the state.

An effort was made this week to reach an agreement between the mine owners and miners at Danville but it was a failure, as the coal diggers want to wait until after the meeting is held at Terra Haute. All want to stick it out until the very last, although all of the miners in the Pittsburg district have returned to work to supply the depleted market.

## Closed Down Until Next May.

The miners' strike still hangs fire at Pana. Operators and miners are alike very determined. The Springfield Coal company halted all their mines yesterday, sending out the report that they will not resume work before next May.

## Driven Out of Sorrento.

Hillboro, Ill., Sept. 17.—Ben Cletfitter and Jap Isaac, two young men living between this city and Coffeen, who were deputy sheriffs at the time of "General" Bradley's crusade, were driven out of Sorrento by a crowd of 40 strikers who live in Sorrento.

## Bills of Deputies Paid.

Hillboro, Ill., Sept. 17.—The Montgomery county board of supervisors yesterday allowed bills to the amount of \$1855.19 for the compensation of the deputy sheriffs who guarded the Coffeen coal mine last month. Supervisor Peter Hershey introduced a resolution commanding Governor Tanner not to send the militia but the resolution was rejected by a vote of 15 to 4. A resolution endorsing Sheriff Randle's course and congratulating him on the settlement of the trouble without bloodshed was then adopted by a vote of 18 to 1. Supervisor Hershey, of Audubon township, alone voting in the negative.

## IN JAIL AGAIN.

Harvey Kinsler Comes Home from the Terre Haute Rock Pile to Resume His Old Pranks.

Harvey Kinsler is again behind the bars in jail, this time on a charge of threatening to do bodily injury and for carrying a loaded revolver. Kinsler is the young man who has frequently been in the clutches of the officers for a variety of offenses. He is no stranger at the county jail. He knows the ins and outs at the prison, and is personally familiar with all the rules and regulations. Some weeks ago, after serving a term, he sprung another sensation on the community by going away with the too confiding wife of Wesley Owens, landing at Terre Haute. While in that town Harvey got too gay and he was run in for disorderly conduct.

He had no money, of course, and his sentence was 30 days on the rock pile. In the meantime the friends of Mrs. Owens induced her to return to Decatur, and since her arrival she has been residing with her sister. The reconciliation with her husband has not yet taken place. The return of Kinsler this week from Terre Haute brought about more trouble. He began his annoyances by sending notes to Mrs. Owens, who refused to see him. Then he became impatient and began to make threats. The notes were turned over to the police, and the officers, learning that Harvey was intoxicated and probably armed, were on the watch for him. Officer Donabue found Kinsler on Prairie avenue near the Green Tree saloon, and he was placed under arrest, and taken over to the lockup. Kinsler had a loaded revolver on his person. He went along without any trouble. The officers regard Kinsler as a dangerous character and he will be tried and fined on at least two charges. He will not be troublesome for a time at least, for he will have to serve out a sentence in the county jail.

## Drop of Over 25 Degrees.

Since yesterday at noon the drop in the temperature up to midnight was 25 degrees—a most gratifying change. At noon yesterday the temperature was 92. By 8 at night it was 76, by 8 it was 70, and at midnight last night it was 67.

At 6 p. m. Wednesday the temperature was 93. At midnight that night it was 85.

## Died in Chicago.

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## Married.

At the home of the bride's father, John Payne, 761 West Decatur street, by Rev. Geo. F. Hall, September 17, Forest G. Bromley and Miss Hattie A. Payne. The couple will reside on a farm in Milan township.

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## Madame Yale.

At the Grand opera house Saturday afternoon Madame Louise Yale, B. D., will give a lecture to ladies only. This celebrated lecturer on beauty, grace, form and physical culture is a woman of well preserved features and form. Although in her fifty-third year, she looks like a woman in the prime of life at thirty. She captivates her audience wherever she appears. Her pretty face and fine physique are admired by all women who have seen her. She is the only lady in America who has received the unanimous attention of the press. She is talented and holds her lady audiences amazed. Women find a blessing in her as she tells them how to be pretty, well formed and graceful.

Ladies who value their personal appearance should not miss attending Madame Yale's lecture, as we believe her mission to women in the capacity she comes in a blessing.

## Damaged the Corn.

The recent spell of hot weather has done considerable damage to the corn crop. It has been so very hot that the corn is badly burned. In spite of this fact the yield promises to be a good one this year.

## Repairing the Streets.

Street Superintendent Williams has a force of men now at work repairing the pavements on West Macon street. The streets in the western part of the city have been all repaired and the pavements are in good shape. Mr. Williams says that there is little repairing that is yet to be done.

## Endeavor Rally.

On Tuesday, September 28, the members of the Macon County Christian Endeavor union will have a rally at Fairlawn park. Seventeen members of the county executive committee attended the meeting held at the First M. E. church last night. All young people in the county are invited.

## Died Near Farmer City.

Mrs. Harriett Rucker, nee Weedman, died of dropsy on Thursday near Farmer City, aged 78 years. She was the second wife of Rev. J. C. Rucker, of Clinton, who is now receiving treatment at the Kankakee insane asylum. The preacher and the deceased separated by mutual consent after a few years.

## Young People's Day.

The members of the County Christian Endeavor union will hold a young people's day at Fairlawn park on September 28. It will be an occasion for all young people in the county to attend, whether members of the Endeavor societies or not. It will be an all day picnic and in the afternoon there will be speeches and short reports from each society.

## 41st Reunion.

The annual reunion of the 41st Illinois veterans will be held at Bethany October 14 and 15, with a banquet on the evening of the first day. There are 18 members still residing in Moultrie county, three of whom, Mayor Brosam, N. E. Powell and David Bippay, are well known residents of Sullivan. Many comrades from Decatur and vicinity will attend the reunion.

## Dedicated Their Flag.

The members of the German Aid society of St. James' German Catholic church held a social at the residence of the rector on East Clay street last night. The society dedicated their new American flag. The flag was recently purchased at a cost of over \$100 and is one of the finest in the city. There were about 500 persons present. The German musicians who are giving an entertainment at the Turner park were present and rendered music. A musical program was also given by members of the society. Refreshments were served by the ladies of the society and quite a sum of money was netted.

## I. O. O. E. Excursion.

The Odd Fellows of Decatur will run an excursion to Springfield Tuesday, September 21. The train will leave Decatur at 12:30 p. m., returning late Springfield at 11 p. m. same date. Tickets on sale at Wabash City Ticket office, Race Clothing company, and Fribourg's cigar store. One dollar for the round trip. Goodman's full band has been secured and will take a prominent part in the parade. The Springfield Odd Fellows are making elaborate preparations for at least 20,000 visitors, who will be there from each and every state in the Union. The grand parade will start at 2 p. m., after which the Patriarch Militant prize drills will take place. At night the degree staff of Decatur Encampment will exemplify the three degrees of Patriarchal Odd Fellow ship. Come one, come all.

## The Simones at Springfield.

Springfield Journal, 16th: Mrs. Lizzie Simons, living at 508 East Jefferson street, was arrested yesterday morning on a peace warrant sworn out by her husband, Charles Simons. The woman had a hearing before Justice Price and was held in the sum of \$100 to keep the peace for six months. She was unable to furnish bail and was sent to jail. She then swore out a peace warrant against her husband. Simons' case was set for hearing before Justice Price today. As the man was not able to give bond for his appearance he was also locked up. The woman claims that her husband made complaints against her to keep her from appearing to prosecute a suit for divorce she had instituted in Decatur. The Simons family, while residents of Decatur, made life a burden for the police and frequently figured in the local courts.

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## Ladies Aid.

The Ladies Aid society of Grace M. E. church will serve lunch Thursday, September 28, from 11 a. m. to 2 p. m. in Race building, one door north of D. H. Hellman. —17-did

## IN MEMORIAM.

Expression of Condolence Leon, No. 17, M. F. on the Death of Mrs. Dr. S. H. Swain.

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1897.

## WEATHER PROBABILITIES.

Chicago, Sept. 17.—Illinois: Fair and cooler tonight, with light frost in northern half of the state; Saturday fair; fresh northerly winds.

## Don't Know What to Do With Money.

A St. Louis street car motorman has fallen heir to \$40,000,000 cash. He says he don't know what to do with the money and he do not tell the truth. He has had no training in business and could not invest the money in manufacturing or any other thing, where it would employ labor, with any assurance that he could keep the principal intact and safe. He is not to be blamed for this. He simply don't know how. He might, however, employ an attorney as adviser, and invest it in government or municipal bonds and spend his time cutting the coupons and collecting the interest. This he could do without knowing a thing about business, and never endanger the principal, and would never be attacked by the Bryans and Ait-gelds and Debbs, or be troubled with labor strikes. In this way his \$40,000,000 would never suffer labor or produce any wealth. He would not be, in this case, of as much importance to the great machinery of wealth producing business as he is now as a motorman. There are thousands of other men of wealth who use their capital in this way, some, because it is the only way they can use it and protect the principal, others because they do not care, or have not the courage to invest their capital where it would be endangered by labor troubles, and consequently are never troubled with strikes. Under such conditions of security, they can, and often do, take sides with agitators in making trouble for those whose capital is invested where it employs labor and produces wealth. Ait-geld, Bryan, Jones of Arkansas, Daniels of Virginia and hundreds of other demagogues like them are examples of this class of Indians, and strange as it may seem, they have the ears of a certain class of wage earners, because they encourage them to fight the men with capital who invest it where it employs labor.

There is probably more cussedness and downright nonsense indulged in along these lines, in the name of labor, than in any other one thing. Why, as soon as a man invests his capital, from a sense of his ability and courage, where it employs labor and produces wealth, he should be attacked as the enemy of labor, by agitators and labor organizations, can only be explained on the ground that demagogue politicians and false labor leaders are using labor so far as they can, by deception and false theories, to accomplish their own selfish ends.

The St. Louis motorman may be of those who have a notion that war should be made on capital. He may have imbibed Debbs' idea that there ought to be division of all capital and property; but when he comes to face the matter of controlling capital he throws up his hands and confesses he don't know what to do with the money. In that confession may be mirrored the great fact that, according to the book of nature, if everything were equally distributed a comparative few would eventually own the greater part of it, because there are millions who would know more what to do with a thousand dollars than the motorman knows about forty million, except to spend it, and that means the passing of it back again into few hands.

A great many Popocrats are laying aunction to their hopeful souls the belief that the present prosperity is not due to the policy of the Republican party, but to the foreign demand for grain. They will discover later on that the Republican policy has something to do with the price of wheat as well as opening up a demand for labor. That fact is a matter of history. Under Republican rule wheat always brought good prices, while under Cleveland's first, as well as his last, administration, wheat was low and went to the bottom as soon as the Wilson tariff bill was passed.

Should Austria present a claim for indemnity in the case of any of its subjects who lost their lives at Hazleton, Pa., the question will be settled whether bodies of men with the avowed purpose of interfering with private business are acting within the law, while marching on the public highway to accomplish their purposes. That seems to be the minds of many to be a question and it would be well to have it settled.

There are many indications in the maneuvers of the free soil and free silver Democrats that they are not quite so sure of their ground as they were a year ago and are inclined to get away from their platform, but that platform will stand

against the Democratic party forever. It pays as good dividends to be honest in politics as in other things, while dishonesty is always followed by proper penalties.

A large number of Illinois miners have gone to work after a long stage of idleness due to being out on a strike. It is now in order to count the cost and those who will do this conscientiously must come to the conclusion that the lesson is that a strike is a very poor way to settle labor disputes and poorer still as a means of raising disputes.

It is remarkable, to say the least, that the party that upheld slave labor and favored free trade should now pose as the friend of labor, when as a matter of fact every policy advocated by the Republican party to give the country prosperity and the workingman of the United States better wages, has been opposed by that party.

As long as we have a government there will be injunctions. The Bryans and the Debbs know it too. They have simply sat upon restraining writs applied to strikers, who were invading the rights of others to incite and inflame passion.

"Government by injunction" does not seem to have proven a great success applied to Postmaster General Gary and Postmaster Gordon.

Klondike gold and starvation seem to go hand in hand in the average newspaper report of the new gold fields.

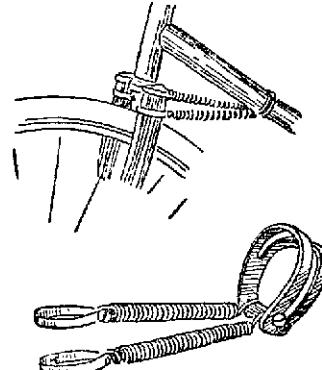
Nothing seems so amusing to Lustgert as the parts of his wife's skeleton exhibited in court.

## BICYCLE BALANCER.

Good Thing for Women Who Are Learning to Ride.

The timid beginner in bicycle riding may be reassured by attaching a new automatic bicycle "balance," which keeps the front wheel going straight ahead. This will prevent the wheel from swerving spasmodically from side to side so abruptly as to make wheeling a most dangerous and uncertain thing.

It will also prevent accidents from striking a small stone, which inexperienced riders find a great bugbear in learning to ride. There are so many things to learn at one time, the riding, the balancing, and the guiding of the machine, and it is so hard to think of everything all at once. This "balance" consists in two coiled wire springs which are attached by rings to the frame and each front fork so that without



BICYCLE BALANCER.

positive effort the direction in which the wheel is going is not changed. This gives confidence to the new rider, and greatly increases the pleasure of riding, especially on rough roads. It gives a steadiness to the wheel which makes turning safe and firm. The necessity for holding the handle bar every minute or be in danger of striking some obstruction which may land the rider on the ground is overcome when the balance is used. The rider merely does the punting, the "balance" does the rest.

## SPEED RECORDS.

The Bicycle Beaten Only by the Race Horse and Train.

Could there be a great handicap race, in which contestants along various lines were engaged, the importance of the bicycle would be apparent. The swimmer would travel over the shortest course. If the track were so designed as to give him a three-minute task, his distance would be 251 yards which is his record for swimming. Next would come a man rowing, with a distance of 841 yards. A man running would be the next highest, the distance given him to cover being 1,274 yards. Next the skater, with 1,220 yards. Immediately in front of the skater would come the trotting horse, which is able to go 2,520 yards in three minutes.

A man on a bicycle can travel faster than a horse can trot. The record for three minutes is 2,840 yards, a distance only beaten by a race horse and a train, and a wonderful pace for a vehicle propelled by the muscular power of a human being. The record of the race horse is 3,080 yards in three minutes, but that of the train far exceeds this of course. The highest speed for three minutes by a train is five miles.

Most men have two objects in life; one to become rich, the other is to become richer.

In Bremen drivers of vehicles and horsemen are prohibited to use the street cycle paths.



CEMENT, LIME, COAL.

## MARKET REPORT.

BY R. Z. TAYLOR.

Chicago, Sept. 17.—Wheat opened higher this morning, sank, advanced and then declined again. The trade was small during the early part of the session, but brightened later, and made the market more active. As a whole, however,

the market was not brilliantly active. The cables were higher from Liverpool. London reported wheat cargoes at steady. Liverpool opened this morning firm and 1/2d higher than yesterday's close, and at today's close was steady and 1/2d above the close of yesterday, an advance of 1/4d for the day. From Argentina came renewed reports unfavorable to the crops of that country, and London cabled that the Review estimated the European Importing countries' requirements would reach at least 40,000,000 bushels. If Argentina turns out badly, and Europe takes 44,000,000 bushels of our (estimated) 580,000,000 bushels from us, where will we get enough wheat to eat? But the price dropped today. The bulls seem worn out by their long fight, and inclined to give way a little before the bears' fierce onslaught. Total clearances were 201,000 bushels and 38,000 flour, equaling together 550,000 bushels of wheat. Minneapolis got 900 cars of wheat today, and Duluth got 713, a total of 1013, against 496 (Minneapolis 270, Duluth 226) a week ago, and 1023 (Minneapolis 451, Duluth 572) a year ago.

Corn opened a little higher, but broke badly later in the day, with good trade and active market. Cables were 3/4d up at the opening and the same at the close today, as compared with yesterday's close.

Messages received by Counselman declared it was snowing in western Kansas and was very cold in the northwest. Predictions are for frost in central Illinois and Missouri tonight. Total clearances were 800,000 bushels.

Oats opened about where they left off, and sold off in sympathy with the other grains. Trade was a little small and market was not active. No features.

Receipts were 62 cars over estimates.

Provisions opened higher and sold on up with small trade and not much doing.

Pork inactive; lard dull; ribs dead. No features.

AUTOMATIC TELEPHONE.

New Apparatus Is Quite Popular in Norway and Sweden.

Norway was the first country to establish public telephone stations which need no attendants, but the system is spreading all over the world. A very simple nickel-in-the-slot arrangement, connected with a crank which is used to call up the central station, made it possible to place a large number of apparatuses at convenient points, thus greatly increasing the efficiency of the service. The telephone does not differ much from the ordinary apparatus, except that the mouthpiece and the re-

New York, Sept. 17.—Butter firm, 12 to 15; eggs firm, 18%.

Chicago, Sept. 17.—Live poultry firm, turkeys 9 to 10, chickens 3/4c, springers 9 1/2c, ducks 7 1/2 to 8. Butter firm, cream 12 to 18, dairies 9 to 15. Eggs firm, 13.

Peoria, Sept. 17.—Corn steady, No. 2 28 1/2c; oats firm, No. 2 white 22 1/2c to 23.

St. Louis, Sept. 17.—Wheat, cash 94, December 94 1/4c; corn, cash 27 1/2c, December 27 1/2c; oats, cash 19 1/2c, December 20 1/2c.

New York, Sept. 17.—December wheat 96; corn 35; oats 25 1/2c.

BOSTON, MASS., Sept. 17.

Openings, bushels.

Low est., High est., Yester.

Wheat—Sept. 17, 30 1/2c, 31 1/2c, 32 1/2c.

Dec. 1, 31 1/2c, 32 1/2c, 33 1/2c.

Corn—Sept. 17, 31 1/2c, 32 1/2c, 33 1/2c.

Dec. 1, 32 1/2c, 33 1/2c, 34 1/2c.

May—35, 35 1/2c, 36 1/2c.

Sept. 17, 37, 38 1/2c, 39 1/2c.

Dec. 1, 38, 39 1/2c, 40 1/2c.

Pork—Sept. 17, 21, 21 1/2c, 22 1/2c.

Dec. 1, 23, 23 1/2c, 25 1/2c.

Lard—Sept. 17, 8 35, 8 40, 8 45.

Dec. 1, 10, 10 1/2c, 11 1/2c.

Ribs—Sept. 17, 4 70, 4 75, 4 80.

Dec. 1, 4 74, 4 78, 4 82.

Dec. wheat: Pigs, 90%; Cals., —; Corn, 92.

To-Day's Receipts—Car Lots.

Wheat—375, Estimated, 200. Your nigo, 167.

Corn—811; Estimated, 925; a year ago, 660.

Oats—357; Estimated, 273; a year ago, 305.

Estimates for To-Morrow.

Wheat, 260; Corn, 810; Oats, 880.

Hogs.

Hog receipts, 30,000; estimated, 16,000.

Market steady to strong.

Light, \$1.92c-\$1.93c; Heavy, \$3.85c-\$4.20c; Mixed, \$3.72c-\$4.20c.

Rough, \$3.00c-\$3.20c.

Cattle.

Estimated for to-morrow, 12,000.

Cattle receipts, 1,500. Market firm.

HARD ON THE BLOOD.

Acid Food Frequently Causes De-

rangements of the Heart.

Dr. W. T. English, of Pittsburgh, be-

lieves that we eat too much acid food.

Nature evidently intended that we

should confine our use of acid fruits

and vegetables to the summer months,

but we now eat them during the whole

year. The flavor of tomatoes depends

upon the acidum hyspericum. It is

estimated that since 1850 the produc-

tion of this vegetable has multiplied

ten times. In 1855 New York city con-

sumed weekly 25 car loads of lemons.

The daily demand now exceeds that

amount. Oranges are used in about

the same increased quality. Five years

ago, limes, the most acid of all fruits,

were in small demand.

To-day they are imported fresh and pickled in large

numbers. Rhubarb plant, gooseber-

ries, currants, cherries, plums, apples

and pears are canned in vast amounts

for winter use. Sweet apples are

hardly salable in the markets. Acid

flavored drinks are in demand at the

soda fountains. Acid conditions favor

the development of micro organisms,

promote fermentation and cause re-

duction of red blood corpuscles. A de-

rangements of the heart and other or-

gans often result. — Chicago Inter-

Ocean.

## SCIENCE AND INVENTION.

## CHLORATE OF POTASH.

How It Is Refined by Means of Electrical Appliances.

The city of Niagara Falls has more factories making chemicals by electricity to-day than any other city in the world. The plant for manufacturing

chlorate of potash is the first to introduce this industry into the United States. The uses for this product are continually increasing. From 3,000,000 to 6,000,000 pounds are annually imported, a large portion of which is used in calico dyeing as an oxidizer.

It is also employed in the manufacture of gunpowder, blasting powder and some of the smokeless powders. It is taken medicinally for various ailments.

The salt commonly called muriate of potash is found in large quantities in Stassfurt, Germany, and is shipped to this country in bags containing 240 pounds, each. It is dissolved in wooden tanks, pumped up to storage tanks, and is led from them through pipes to cast iron, porcelain-lined, electrolyzing tanks, divided by porous partitions into positive and negative compartments.



## A THOUSAND MILES OF MEN.

The Army Which United Europe Could Put in the Field.

## How This Force Is Distributed—Analysis of Resources of the Dual and Triple Alliances—Will America Become Involved?

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The recent formal declaration of a Franco-Russian alliance, in the utterances of the czar of Russia and the president of the French republic, has set all Europe figuring upon the relative strength, in case of war, of the Zweibund and the Dreiebund—or the dual and the triple alliances. The net result of such questioning seems to be the conclusion that so far as mere enumeration goes, the newly declared dual alliance has slightly the best of it upon the land, and far surpasses Germany, Italy and Austria in naval strength. The comparison between the two rival "bands" is shown, as to the land forces, by the following table, which gives the totals for the five powers and the two alliances, including all reserves:

| Zweibund: France, Russia.                   |         |   |
|---|---------|---|
| Officers<br>and men.                        | Horses  | Guns other<br>than Fortress<br>Artillery. |
| 3,600,501                                   | 191,028 | 5,182                                     |
| 1,311,137                                   | 178,400 | 6,310                                     |
| 8,514,688                                   | 24,013  | 41,402                                    |
| Dreiebund: Germany, Aus-Hun., Ital., Italy. |         |   |
| Officers<br>and men.                        | Horses  | Guns other<br>than Fortress<br>Artillery. |
| 4,814,592                                   | 172,300 | 4,363                                     |
| 1,711,99                                    | 83,999  | 2,297                                     |
| 2,013,236                                   | 56,450  | 1,586                                     |
| 8,533,457                                   | 312,650 | 8,501                                     |

These enormous totals show 17,000,000 men in the military establishments of only five nations of continental Europe.

But no such number is enrolled in the active armies of the five powers. These figures include the reserves of the active army, the landwehr or mi-

enough to cope with any of these for a moment on the sea.

On land the dual alliance and the triple alliance are pretty fairly matched in strength, with the former rather in the lead.

On the sea the dual alliance is stronger even than Great Britain, and far stronger than the triple alliance.

Great Britain, with only a small army, comparatively speaking, could not affect a struggle of land forces on the continent in the least, but her navy, which she is enlarging with desperate haste in an attempt to catch up with the Franco-Russian outfit, could secure to the triple alliance undoubted victory at sea.

It is evident, then, why the rumor is persistent in Paris that the dual alliance hopes to make a triple alliance with the United States. The wish is father to the thought. This country's war power is likely to develop along British rather than continental lines. We shall have a small active army, but a great and powerful navy. Already stronger than that of Spain or Japan, which most closely follow the big powers of Europe, our navy is even now measurably equal to Austria's, and will in no long time surpass those of all nations except Great Britain, France and Russia.

Russia and France are both ancient and traditional friends of the United States. They are still our friends, and, as the Paris papers are pointing out, practically no opposing interest anywhere, from which disputes would be likely to arise. Such an alliance would be the world's best guarantee of peace, they say abroad, because it would be invincible. Even if we did nothing else to aid the dreibund, we might menace Canada as a pledge or Great Britain's neutrality in a continental squabble. So the talk goes on the boulevards.

The extent of the war feeling in Great Britain is surprising to one who hasn't visited the country for some years. The Cyclists' Touring club has recently added Rudyard Kipling's name to its list of membership.

Cycling has caused a decrease in the number of cabs in Berlin.

accustomed to obedience, and as uniformly religious as the Turks.

The five great powers have over 17,000,000 men available for national defense. Britain has over half a million. Spain, in theory, more than a million. In all, Europe had last autumn a military establishment, counting all reserves, of over 22,000,000 men.

It is hard to realize the number. It would be easier could one conceive of it as a procession, formed in files of 20, and marching past a reviewing stand. With files well closed up they would reach 1,000 miles and in open marching order might easily stretch from Paris away beyond Constantinople.

In one day they would eat up 44,000 bees. It would take 4,400 of the queer little continental cattle cars to freight these cattle and over 100 engines to pull the cars.

A single soldier, to weigh as much as these 22,000,000, would have to be 1,500 feet tall, with other proportions as grotesque.

In short, Europe swarms with soldiers. There are more men of arms than the entire population, of both sexes and every age, of Spain or Turkey proper; more than all the people in Holland, Belgium, Portugal, Sweden and Norway put together.

JOHN LANGDON HEATON.

## PIGEONS SHOW THEIR TRAINING.

## Large Flocks of the Birds That Perform Wonderful Evolutions.

Remarkable as are the results of training as exhibited in the speed of modern pigeons, they do not compare with the wonderful evolutions performed by these birds in the last centuries in Italy. There were at that time men who devoted themselves to pigeon training, and the art was supposed to find its perfection in certain families, and to be handed down from generation to generation. The art consisted in training large flocks of pigeons to obey their owner and to perform certain evolutions in the air. In the earliest days in India birds were trained to fight opposing bands. When a pigeon tournament was in progress the owners ascended some lofty buildings and conducted the performance by the aid of flags; and in obedience to their signals flocks of birds of different colors would wheel, rise, dive and intermingling to separate again and go through a number of interesting movements that were remarkable for their beauty. Prizes were offered for the most beautiful and novel figures. In India, in early times, where the sport of pigeon flying originated, the object of the flights was often a sanguinary one, the owners of the various flocks endeavoring to accomplish the destruction of the others. Thus, the birds of one band would carry bombs with a fuse hanging to their claws, and at the command of their masters would sweep down over their opponents and the bomb would drop among them and explode. Others bore sharp knives, two-edged, suspended from their claws, and were made to dash among their antagonists and endeavor to cut them to pieces—an easy matter when birds were in rapid motion. To-day the trigonians, as they are called, of N. Jena, devote themselves to harmless pursuits, and are satisfied when watching the wonderful evolutions of the birds through the air.

—N. Y. Post.

## OUR NATIONAL DEBT.

## It Compares Fairly With Those of Other Leading Nations.

We are accustomed to regard our national debt as an appalling obligation, and one that ought to be gotten rid of as soon as possible. A strong sentiment in favor of its early liquidation exists all over the country. While it must be conceded that the debt is a vast one, it follows some satisfaction to know that it bears favorable comparison in amount with the debt of other leading countries of the world. The debt of the United States at present aggregates about 96 million of dollars, while the debt of Great Britain amounts to nearly 100 million of dollars.

Turkey owes about as much as we do,

and Spain more than twice as much.

Russia has a debt 140 times as great as ours, and Italy considerably over double as much.

France holds the list of national debtors with an obligation of about four and a half thousand million of dollars.

Madagascar has the smallest national debt in the world,

amounting to about 81 cents per capita.

—Military Gazette, Chicago.



FRENCH AND GERMAN SOLDIERS ON THE MARCH—NOTE THE CONTRAST

Italia, and the landstrum, or home guard, which is only called out in case of invasion. In this respect the organization of all the continental armies is practically the same. The active strength of the armes composing the two alliances is far smaller. It is shown in the following table of troops "with the colors" and active reserves:

France, Russia.

| Officers<br>and Men.             | Horses  | Guns  |
|----------------------------------|---------|-------|
| 2,029,500                        | 112,015 | 3,729 |
| 1,115,010                        | 163,000 | 2,672 |
| 3,168,908                        | 275,615 | 6,392 |
| Germany, Austria-Hungary, Italy. |         |       |
| 1,641,000                        | 102,000 | 2,964 |
| 871,011                          | 62,300  | 1,321 |
| 730,074                          | 56,450  | 1,342 |
| 3,251,085                        | 220,750 | 5,730 |

Here again the figures, which are those of 1896, show slight numerical advantage on the side of the triple alliance, but indicate heavier cavalry and artillery columns on the other side. The use of cavalry in future wars is of course problematical, but there can be no doubt whatever that the possession of a more numerous artillery is a tremendous advantage. Taking one thing with another, then, the two alliances seem so evenly matched that their relative strength must depend upon circumstances, on the quality of the men, their drill, arms and equipment.

At sea, however, the alliance of France and Russia not only possesses far greater strength than the combined navies of Austria, Germany and Italy, but even "stacks up" very advantageously with Great Britain herself. A close alliance of Russia and France would rule the sea at the present moment, unless Great Britain were to join the triple alliance. In the following table showing naval strength, Great Britain is included:

| Great Britain.                |                 |                   |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Mch. Officers<br>and Reserves | Armed<br>Ships. | Armored<br>Ships. |
| 57,774                        | 93              | 120               |
|                               | 120             | 339               |
| 65,537                        | 61              | 66                |
| 88,368                        | 29              | 24                |
| 54,965                        | 100             | 90                |
| 36,614                        | 31              | 25                |
| 11,864                        | 25              | 14                |
| 41,262                        | 25              | 23                |
| 19,740                        | 71              | 69                |

This comparison shows the Franco-Russian alliance ahead of its rival at every point. It is ahead of the triple alliance in everything except the number of extremely heavy guns. Of course on 80 tons or over Italy has more than Great Britain herself, but no other continental nation has any at all, and naval experts are rather skeptical as to their value. There is no doubt whatever, on the whole, of the superiority of sea of Russia and France to other European power is strong

People of the highest intelligence constantly assert that "it is about time to thrash the Frenchmen again. They need it badly." Egypt might easily precipitate such a war.

The military, and particularly the naval display at the queen's jubilee while all the arts of peace were slighted, was a direct challenge to the world.

The announcement of the Franco-Russian alliance, with a greater joint naval force than Britain's, was the answer to the challenge.

A great European war would be pretty apt to involve Great Britain. It might also involve the United States.

But American diplomacy is different from European, in that we give no credit to the saying "bridges before we get to them," and sometimes this method has its advantages, there are times when it is better to wait as well. It is probable that Uncle Sam will remain deaf to the clamor of the British and keep out of European entanglements.

The military strength of the hostile power in Europe is not to be measured in numbers. Which is the better, the better drilled and the better equipped?

The German is a superb fighting machine, and his officers are admirably trained. Some critics have claimed that the private soldier is trained "to fine," to borrow a sporting phrase—that he is in danger of becoming a automaton.

There is more jollity and elasticity in the French ranks. The men are apparently happier. These may be advantages and they may not. The average soldier looks rather small and young. War is a science with their drill, arms and equipment.

Whoever has seen a company of French soldiers running along a country road, whooping and yelling and flinging up their guns in sheer joy of living, cannot help contrasting their infectious jollity with the heavy gravity of the German "goose step."

The Austro-Hungarian army, like the monarchy itself, is weakened by diversity of national strain. A large proportion of its soldiers are frankly Russian in their sympathies, and akin to the Russians in blood.

The Italian organization is inferior to the Germans. Economy enforced by national poverty diminishes efficiency. The men are sturdy, swarthy fellows, the Bersaglieri, in particular, who always march on the double-quick, are a splendid lot of men.

The Russian soldiers I have never seen. Mr. Ewing Cockrell, son of Senator Cockrell, of Missouri, who has made a careful study of Russia and Siberia, pronounces them the strongest and finest soldiers in Europe. Physically they are big men. They are brave,

nothing could expel this idea from his mind. His general health was good, but it was not until late in 1889 that he could be induced to get up. He was a shrewd business man, and grew rich even while lying in bed. Up to the day of his death Lilly had fairly good health.

—Of Course.

Mrs. Peck—Here's a man up in northern New York got his mouth open so wide he couldn't shut it without medical aid. A man, mind you!

Mr. Peck—A man? Of course it was a man. Lack of practice, you see. Whoever heard of a woman with jaws so stiff and rusty on the hinges?

—Brooklyn Life.

—Forbade Councils of War.

Frederick the Great forbade his generals from holding "councils of war" on the ground that "the only result which could reasonably be expected by a convention of generals would be the creation of a majority for the timid party."—Military Gazette, Chicago.

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### THE SHIP OF THE DESERT.

An Ungrateful Animal of Great Use in the Sandy Waste.

A traveler in the orient has written: "A white camel is the color of a sheep before washing for the shearers, but what color is that? A black dromedary is the color of a shadow on a summer afternoon. The great multitude of camels are about half way between the two. Why, they're the color of the desert, of course; of the desert just before sunrise. Isn't that near enough?" The same writer goes on to explain that the camel is the only domesticated animal whose origin is unknown. Abraham, Isaac and Jacob called him "gammal" and counted their wealth by him. He was born before man and he hasn't changed particle from his original form—an overgrown sheep.

The ungainly creature has acquired the reputation of being the embodiment of patience, faithfulness and humility, but the writer insists that he has won all these qualities because he is too lazy and stupid to do the contrary. He never learns any difference between his owner and any other person near him, and he will, when in temper, spit and bite at anyone or anything which comes in his way. He will not recognize a command until he is jerked or prodded to it and then he accompanies his first steps with protesting groans all up and down his yard of throat. The very epithet of "wild" of a camel is absurd, for he applied to a camel is absurd. He follows his head, when he is drawn on by the rope and ring through his nose, and goes when prodded, as it is the easiest way to get away from the annoying point. If the rope is jerked downward he will lie down to escape being tortured; he rises when he is tugged till it is too uncomfortable for him to remain down.

When a camel is once started he may be relied on to keep going, unless he falls asleep and forgets, or else he may spy a bit of green by the wayside and swerve to get that. In the latter case he will, if allowed to choose his own path, start on, not in the original road, but in the direction in which the plant lay.

A common burden-bearer will cost about \$15. In rare cases, when an animal shows great speed, fine color and can actually be relied upon to remember a few things, he will bring \$150. Then care must be taken to keep him from eating himself to death, if he happens upon an oasis where green food is plenty. Many a camel has strayed from his keeper and, never knowing when to quit, deliberately eaten himself to death.

Altogether he is a very queer creature, with a mat of fur to protect his forehead from the sun, his canine teeth in his sheep's jaws, his humps of fat to guard against famine, his absorbing stomach to retain a water supply and his long nostrils, opening wide enough to smell water ten miles away and still closing tightly enough to keep out the sands of the desert. His long neck is the first to show fatigue, falling lower and lower till his nose almost touches the sand.

Besides being the ship of the desert he is clothing, leather, food, drink and fuel to the dwellers on the sand.—Detroit Free Press.

### THE METRIC SYSTEM.

Only Two Important Nations Do Not Make Use of It.

Metric standards of weights and measures have been adopted by 21 countries, Great Britain and the United States being the only prominent exceptions. Before another year Great Britain will, in all probability, have passed an act legalizing the system in the United Kingdom and providing for the preparation of a table of equivalents between the metric and the imperial standards. This will leave the United States in a conspicuous minority among nations.

The British act, it should be noted, is merely permissive, and the choice between pounds and kilos remains free to every merchant; but even so, it is a concession to the metric enthirst, in that it will lead to a more careful teaching of his system in the schools and to a wider use of it in dealing with other nations. The metric system has much to conquer before it becomes universal, but it is making rapid strides toward ultimate success. Its standards unquestionably facilitate the keeping of accounts, and give one a great deal in common with the rest of the world. With our decimal money system we have a good start made upon the metric gradations, and our arithmetic classes have always paid more attention to the French standards than corresponding classes in English schools.

It may be so, it may be 100 years before the metric system becomes the established method of adjusting weights and measures in all civilized nations. The change is gradually being effected, however, and not rapidly enough to entail confusion or sudden great cost. American scientists have long asked for a compulsory bill from congress, and it is likely that we shall at least go as far as parliament in this change before many sessions are ended.—Boston Journal.

### ORIENTAL SACRED BOOKS.

There is a constantly increasing demand for the oriental sacred books. The Koran, in cheap form, is one of the best selling books, and a volume of extracts from the writings of "Buddha" is extremely popular. The sale of the "Zend Avesta" is restricted, because it cannot be obtained in map form. The purchasers of these works are not only clergymen, but laymen and there seems to be an intense curiosity to compare the sacred books of other religions with the Bible.—Philadelphia Press.

### Expert Criticism.

"Why this sign not to touch this particular piece of statuary with canes or umbrellas?" asked a visitor at the art exhibit.

"Because," snapped a competing artist, "you could not do it justice with an ax."—Detroit Free Press.

### STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, } ss LUCAS COUNTY,

FRANK J. CHENEY makes oath that he is the senior partner of the firm of F. J. CHENEY & CO., doing business in the city of Toledo, county and state aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH CURE.

FRANK J. CHENEY.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 8th day of December, 1886.

A. W. GLEASON,

Notary Public.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonial, free.

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Sold by druggists, 75c.

Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Washington disapproves the president has decided that General Lee shall remain in Cuba as consul general.

### Something to Depend On.

Mr. James Jones, of the drug firm of Jones & Son, Cowden, Ill., in speaking of Dr. King's New Discovery, says that last winter his wife was attacked with La Grippe, and her case grew so serious that physicians at Cowden and Pana could do nothing for her. It seemed to develop into Hasty Consumption. Having Dr. King's New Discovery in store, and selling lots of it, he took a bottle home, and to the surprise of all she began to get better from first dose, and half dozen dollar bottles cured her sound and well. Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Cold is guaranteed to do this good work. Try it. Free trial bottles at the drug stores of J. E. King and C. F. Shilling.

Whenever you hear one girl speak of another as being good and sensible it is unnecessary for her to add that she is honest.

### Old People.

Old people who require medicine to regulate the bowels and kidneys will find the true remedy in electric Bitters. This medicine does not stimulate and contains no whisky or other intoxicant, but acts as a tonic and alterative. It acts mildly on the stomach and bowels, adding strength and giving tone to the organs, thereby aiding Nature in the performance of the functions. Electric Bitters is an excellent appetizer and aids digestion. Old people find it just exactly what they need. Price fifty cents and \$1 per bottle at the drug stores of J. E. King and C. F. Shilling.

Infatuation, like paralysis, may be all on one side, but when it takes effect on both sides it's a dead gone case.

### Buckskin Arrows Salve.

The Best Salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by J. E. King and C. F. Shilling.

Lots of men would willingly work for their board—if they could find someone to work.

### IT BITES THE SPOT.

When suffering from a severe cold and your throat and lungs feel sore, take a dose of Foley's Honey and Tar, when the soreness will be at once relieved, a healing of the parts affected will be experienced and you will say: "It feels so good. IT BITES THE SPOT." It is guaranteed. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

Four hundred ounces of phenacetin, said to have been smuggled, was seized in a saloon in Hoboken.

### COMING DOWN HILL.

People suffering from Kidney Diseases feel a gradual but steady loss of strength and vitality. They should lose no time in trying Foley's Kidney Cure, a guaranteed preparation. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

The less work a man does the more tires other people.

### DO NOT BE IMPOSED ON.

Always insist on getting Foley's Honey and Tar, as it is positively, absolutely and unequivocally the best cough medicine. Accept no substitute. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

The lower the gas is turned the brighter it seems for lovers.

### A HOUSEHOLD NECESSITY.

No family should be without Foley's Colic Cure, for all bowel complaints. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

Suffering loses all its charms for a woman if she has to do it in silence.

### FOUND.

At Bell's or Krone's drug store, a marvelous cure for all kidney complaints, nervous exhaustion and female weakness. It is Foley's Kidney Cure. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

The profligate rake is never able to hold his own row.

### CARTERS LITTLE LIVER PILLS.

At Bell's or Krone's drug store, a marvelous cure for all kidney complaints, nervous exhaustion and female weakness. It is Foley's Kidney Cure. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

### CARTERS LITTLE LIVER PILLS.

Positively cured by these Little Pills.

They also relieve Distress from Dyspepsia, Indigestion and Too Hearty Eating. A perfect remedy for Dizziness, Nausea, Drowsiness, Bad Taste in the Mouth, Coated Tongue, Pain in the Side, TORPID LIVER.

Regulate the Bowels. Purely Vegetable.

Small Pill. Small Dose.

Small Price.

General Admission, 50c. Children under 9 years, 25c.

Numbered coupon, actually reserved seats, will be sold on the day of exhibition at John E. King's drug store, corner Main and Water streets.

BICYCLES CHECKED ON GROUNDS.

Three Magnificent Bands of Music,

Led by the Famed, World-Traveled

BUFFALO BILL'S COWBOY BAND.

At night a Brilliant Electric Display by the Largest Portable Double Electric

Plant of 150,000 candle power yet constructed for any similar purpose. Two

circuits, ensuring a perfectly reliable illumination, making night as light as day.

TWO EXHIBITIONS DAILY, RAIN OR SHINE.

Afternoon at 2 o'clock; Night at 8 o'clock. Doors Open One Hour Earlier.

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Decatur THURSDAY, SEPT. 23.

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Allied with all the known Horsemanship of Primitive and Martial Fame.

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We Have Just  
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Please call and inspect them.

Otto E. Curtis & Bro.,

Jewelers and Dealers in Fine China.

Our House Has Been Established Over 20 Years at  
156 East Main Street, Decatur, Ill.

## We Want Our Fall Trade Now!

We Want It to Start In With a Rush!

To overcome the extreme heat we will for 10 days, or until Sept. 25th, sell the best \$3.50 Men's Shoes at.....\$3.00  
Geo. E. Keith's Tan Storm Calf, with heavy soles for winter, worth \$3.50; in this sale at.....\$3.00  
Geo. E. Keith's Calf Shoes, Welts, Domestic Calf, high grade, worth \$3.50; in this sale at.....\$3.00  
Geo. E. Keith's Black Chrome Calf, with heavy soles for winter, also in this sale at.....\$3.00  
In Women's Shoes we will sell during this sale a Fine Kid Shoe, lace or button, coin toe, patent leather tip, special \$2.50 shoe; in this sale at.....\$2.00

We Guarantee Good, Honest Shoe Value,  
no matter what the price!

"Bargain Department" Full of Items of Interest.

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148 EAST MAIN STREET. Sign of the Brass Foot Tracks in Sidewalk

## Winter Shirt Waists and Dressing Sacks

We have just received our new line from the factory.  
The Styles are Beautiful.

### Short Corsets

Notice our window and see the CORRECT thing in a SHORT CORSET. Price in black or white \$1.00.

### Underwear

Our underwear and heavy wool and fleece hosiery have arrived and can show you the best assorted stock in the city—PRICES ARE RIGHT—everything marked in plain figures.

YOU ARE INVITED

**H. C. Anthony**  
DECATUR, ILL.

## Bothered with Roaches or Water Bugs?

Then come in and get a box of Mexican Roach Food. We guarantee it to kill all the Roaches and Water Bugs in your house. Money refunded if it doesn't do it.

## KING'S DRUG STORE,

Cor. Main and Water Sts.

## LOCAL NEWS.

H. C. Burks at Opera House drug store. Fig Syrup 35 cents a bottle at Irwin's drug store.

Trunks, 15 cents. Davis' 10 cent del. Smoke the Little J., 5-cent cigar, made by Jacob Kock.

Go to Henry's bakery for all kinds of bread, cakes, pies, etc. June 22nd.

Go to Spener & Lehman's for wood pumps, iron pumps, force pumps, etc.—July 19th-20th.

Vive Cameras, Opera House drug store. Irwin's Rock balsam is a reliable cough and cold cure.

The county board adjourned this afternoon. The sheriff's bill for deputy hire and expenses were paid. All Democrats voted against the payment.

The grand lodge meeting of Illinois Knights of Pythias will be held in October at Peoria. Many Decatur Knights will attend.

Go to Spencer & Lehman's for fine and medium grade buggies, surreys, road wagons, and also the old reliable Peter Schuttler and Moline farm wagons.—July 19th-20th.

The home of James Conrad, two miles east of Decatur, was entered by burglars yesterday. Two pairs of pants, a vest and \$5 were stolen. The family was in the city at the time.

One to five applications of Dr. Doan's Ointment will cure the worst case of Itching Piles there ever was. Can you afford to suffer tortures when a simple, never-failing remedy is at hand? It never fails. Sold by Bell, the druggist.

The Burgoo picnic at Kretzer's lake will be given by the young people of the Harrisstown Christian church on Tuesday, September 21. Burgoo soup and refreshments of all kinds that can reasonably be expected at a picnic will be furnished during the day and evening. There will be field sports during the afternoon in which everybody is invited to participate. Come everybody.—17th.

## IN SOUTHERN ILLINOIS.

Strike is On There and the Miners are Returning to Work.

St. Louis, Sept. 17.—The coal miners' strike is over so far as the district supplying the St. Louis market is concerned.

Seventeen mines in the Sixth Illinois district resumed work yesterday. It is probable that all the small operators in the district will come into line before the end of the week. The DuQuoin men will return to work.

The big Consolidated and Madison companies ignored the call for the conference. They now have a three-cornered fight on their hands. The independent operators and the miners agreed to make common warfare on the two big companies. The small operators will employ as many as possible of the strikers formerly employed by the Madison and Consolidated companies. It is probable that double shifts will be worked.

## METHODISTS AT CANTON.

Canton, Sept. 17.—The meeting of Methodist laymen from all parts of the state is in session here to take action to secure increased lay representation in the conference. The sentiment is decidedly in favor of equal representation, but the delegates are equally divided upon the question of the abolition of time limit of pastorate.

## McKEENA'S OPINION.

Washington, Sept. 17.—The opinion of Attorney General McKeena in the matter of discrimination of duty in section 22 of the tariff law will, in all probability not be announced tomorrow.

## BASE BALL.

National League.  
New York 5, Boston 5  
Baltimore 4, Pittsburg 4  
Brooklyn 5, Washington 4

## WESTERN LEAGUE.

St. Paul 13-10, Minneapolis 6-0  
Indiana 6, Columbus 2  
Detroit 2-1, Grand Rapids 1

## HOW THEY STAND.

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| Baltimore    | 84  | 33   | 718    |
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| New York     | 77  | 42   | 647    |
| Cincinnati   | 67  | 50   | 573    |
| Cleveland    | 60  | 59   | 504    |
| Washington   | 55  | 61   | 402    |
| Brooklyn     | 55  | 66   | 435    |
| Chicago      | 57  | 68   | 438    |
| Pittsburg    | 52  | 67   | 427    |
| Philadelphia | 51  | 69   | 425    |
| Louisville   | 51  | 72   | 415    |
| St. Louis    | 28  | 92   | 233    |

## TRY GRAIN-O! TRY GRAIN-O!

Ask your Grocer to-day to show you a package of GRAIN-O, the new food drink that takes the place of coffee. The children may drink it without injury as well as the adult. All who try it like it. GRAIN-O has that taste of brown of Noctis or Java. It is made from green grain and is most delicate stomach relieves it without distress. Is the price of coffee, 15c and 25c per package. Sold by all grocers.

## PERSONAL MENTION.

Mrs. Thomas Entier went to Neoga, Ill., today.

Miss Lena Ulrich is home from a visit to Peoria.

Attorney Hugh Crea is home from a visit to Canada.

F. W. Williams, of Derby, Conn., was in the city yesterday visiting Will Muzzy.

Will McBride will leave Monday for Chicago, where he will enter the Rush Medical college.

Rev. John Pennington, of Mt. Pleasant, Ohio, is in the city visiting his sons, F. K. and C. J. Pennington.

Office Somerville and family, who have been visiting friends at Centralia for several weeks past, have returned home.

Harry Lytle and family, who have been in the city on a visit to his parents, Captain and Mrs. R. P. Lytle, left today for his home in St. Joe, Mo.

Conductor Joe Adkins and family have removed to Bement. Mr. Adkins takes the run on the Wabash made vacant by the death of O. K. Jenkins.

Jesse Doggett, who represents the Security Fire Insurance company, was in the city today to adjust the loss of the burning Scott barn, when a horse was killed.

Ex-Mayor and Mrs. D. H. Conklin have in contemplation a pleasure trip to Florida resorts, going by rail to New York, thence by steamer along the coast to the south. The journey is to include a trip up the St. John's river.

## KILLING FROSTS.

The Northwest Section in a Cool State—Low Temperature—Snow.

Chicago, Sept. 17.—The weather map shows killing frosts generally all over Minnesota, Nebraska and northwest Iowa. The temperature was extremely low: Moorhead 28, Williston 30, Huron 32. A message to a broker says it was snowing in northern Kansas this morning.

## MADAME LOUISE YALE.

Madame Louise Yale, of New York, who is to lecture at the opera house tomorrow afternoon, arrived in the city this morning and is a guest at the St. Nicholas hotel. Madame Yale, in conversation with a reporter, said that she wished to make it understood that she was Madame Louise Yale, of New York. In the news papers she has been spoken of as simply Madame Yale. There is a Madame M. Yale, of Chicago, and as there had been some confusion of the names the lecturer wished to make it thoroughly understood that she was the Madame Yale from New York. She said: "We are entirely different persons and our theories are different. I am a much older woman than Madame M. Yale, of Chicago, and my theory is probably culture, while the Chicago lady is a much younger person and is a speaker on beauty culture only."

## DEATH OF MRS. ALICE E. FORD.

Mrs. Alice E. Ford, wife of Arendo Ford, died of stomach trouble this morning at 9 o'clock at the family residence, No. 1005 North Morgan street, aged 42 years. Mrs. Ford has been very ill for the past six weeks. The deceased was born in Sangamon county.

She leaves a husband and seven children. They are Frank Ford, Sophie A. Murphy, Myrtle Bowers, Linda Frazeo, and Addie, Allie and Daulsi Ford. The funeral will be held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the Church of God. The services will be conducted by Rev. Finley and the burial will be at Greenwood cemetery.

## ARRESTED A ROBBER.

This morning Deputy Sheriff Sam Holmes arrested a man named Frank Brown, who is charged with robbing Jesse Conrard, living two miles east of the city. Brown came to Conrard's house on Wednesday night. He was given lodgings and the next morning Conrard talked of going to the city. Brown left the house and went out in the cornfield and after Conrard had left he went to the house and stole a coat and vest and \$5 in money. He wore a pair of shoes which were not mated and his movements were easily followed by the tracks he left.

## INSURGENTS' VICTORY.

Washington, Sept. 17.—The state department has received a dispatch from Consul Pringle, confirming the report of the capture of Quetzaltenango, Guatemala, by the insurgents. It is one of the most important of the government strongholds.

Pringle has asked for another warship to protect American interests, but the department thinks the Alert, already ordered there, will be sufficient for the present.

## LIFE UNDERWRITER.

Milwaukee, Wis., Sept. 17.—Before the National Association of Life Underwriters

today C. A. Loveland, of Milwaukee, de-

livered an address on the "Relations of

the Agent to Home Office Management."

Officers were chosen, headed by Thomas H. Bowles of Milwaukee as president.

The association then adjourned.

## CANADIAN HORROR.

Chatham, Ont., Sept. 17.—The three daughters of Preston Howard were turned to death this morning in their home at Port Alma. The girls were aged 10, 12 and six years. One had escaped, but met death returning to the assistance of her sisters. The mother and two sons were seriously burned.

County Clerk Dodd announces that he will try to have the claims against the county ready for payment next Monday.

## PAID THE BILLS.

### STRIKE EXPENSES LIQUIDATED IN FULL

by a Vote of 15 to 9.

### DEMOCRATS VOTED "NO!" ON MOTION

Sharp Report of Sheriff Nicholson to

Mr. Best—Law in the Case

Submitted by the

Committee.

At the meeting of the county board of supervisors yesterday afternoon the sheriff's bill for deputy hire came up.

The judiciary committee submitted the following report on the deputy hire bills as the law.

"That the sheriff of any county in the state if in his judgment the preservation of peace and the good order of society require it, may summon and enroll any number of special deputies which in his judgment the exigencies of the case require, and such deputies shall be subject to his orders and shall have all the powers of deputy sheriffs until discharged or excused from duty.

"In all cases when he is satisfied of the necessity he may arm the force of deputies and the county shall pay all necessary expenses thereof, as well as for the subsistence of such special deputies while on duty and all expenses incurred by them while in the performance of the duty for which they were summoned.

"Deputies so appointed shall be paid at the rate of \$3 a day for the time actually employed and the county board shall make provision for the payment of the same."

At the session of the board this morning the report of the committee on fees and salaries created a long discussion.

The committee reported favorably on the bill of \$612 for deputies sworn in by Sheriff Nicholson during the time when the miners marched to Decatur. Supervisors Best and Nickey were not in favor of allowing the bill. They spoke at length on the matter and contended that the deputies were unnecessary and on those grounds did not want the bill paid.

Supervisors Hockaday and Spence were in favor of paying the bill and argued that the sheriff was justified in swearing in the deputies. Mr. Best intimated in his speech that the sheriff was owned by a large property owner and when he sat down Sheriff Nicholson replied in a positive manner, declaring that in his course to protect life and property in the performance of his sworn duty as sheriff no man owned him, and that if anybody said differently that man is ill. The sheriff spoke with considerable feeling.

When the vote was taken the report of the committee was adopted, 15 to 9, the Republicans voting in favor of it and the Democrats against it. One Republican, Supervisor Gaines, was absent. Those voting aye were Supervisors Allen, Bean, Davidson, Draper, Hockaday, Hollinger, Kip, Lebo, Lower, Magee, May, Orr, Record, Spence and Stay-15. Voting nay, Best, Graves, Hays, Miller, Nickey, Riber, Rucker, Tucker and Weillipp-9.

A motion was made that the purchasing committee buy coats or bunks for the jail annex but this was lost.

Supervisor Allen moved that the public improvement committee make some provisions for better ventilation under the jail annex. The motion was carried.

The judiciary committee made a report in which they asked to have further time to report on the question of the responsibility of the collectors of personal tax.

This afternoon the committee on claims made a report which was adopted. They rejected the claim of Coroner Bendure of \$11 for holding an inquest over the body of J. C. Mitchell. The claim was the same one which was rejected at the last meeting of the supervisors and was again brought up. A separate report was submitted by the committee but not signed by all the members. It was for meals, tents, and other expenses of the deputy sheriffs sworn in during the mining trouble.

The report of the committee on pauper claims was submitted and adopted.

Owing to the fact that Decatur township has been redistricted and four new voting precincts added the question arose as to whether the judges who were previously appointed shall hold good and what arrangements shall be made for the appointment of judges for the new district.